

NOsparc® GCLAC3F480

USER MANUAL

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Contact Arc Suppressor for Normally Open AC Power Relays and Contactors



IMPORTANT NOTES

This document provides information required to install a NOsparc arc suppressor.
You must read and understand this document before installing this device.

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PART NUMBER & PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

G	C	L	AC	3	F	480
Maximum Circuit Fuse Rating: G = 100A	Wiring Requirements: C = contact(s) + coil	Product Case Model Code: L = L-Case (three-phase, panel-mount)	Power Type: AC = Alternating Current	Phases (Poles) per Product: 3 = three-phase	Termination Style: F = quick-connect tabs	Maximum Voltage: 480 = 480Vac

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We use note, caution and warning symbols throughout this book to draw your attention to important operational and safety information.

"WARNING" describes an alert with information that is important for protecting personnel and equipment from damage.

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in personal injury or death.

"NOTE" describes any item of interest to the user, owner, or operator.

WARNINGS

Disconnect all power to circuits and panels where this product is about to be installed or when installing this product.



This User Manual must be thoroughly understood and accurately followed to avoid unintended equipment operation.

The assembly must conform to National Electric Code (NEC) safety standards, as well as locally applicable codes. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or loss of life. See the product rating curve for wire gauge selection, ambient temperature and current restrictions.



Follow extreme caution when conducting short cycle time tests, especially below the maximum rated cycle time for the associated relay; and **NEVER LESS THAN A 16s CYCLE TIME**. Even at significantly reduced power levels the relay contacts become extremely hot due to high current densities at the point of contact constriction just before the contact breaks open. Always follow the relay manufacturers specifications and requirements and **DO NOT CYCLE CONTACTS MORE THAN 225 TIMES PER HOUR**.



Only authorized and qualified personnel should install and service the NOsparc GCLAC3F480. Failure to comply with these recommendations may result in damage to equipment and property and injury to personnel.



Always test the function and performance of NOsparc in the intended application.

An arc suppressor DOES NOT eliminate arcing, therefore, NOsparc will not eliminate hazards associated with electrical current contact arcing.



SAFETY

All creepage distances and clearances of NOsparc have been designed to meet requirements of safety standards.

When using NOsparc GCLAC3F480, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce risk of fire, electric shock, and injury to persons. When installing NOsparc into your system, make sure that the Quick Connect Terminal connector is properly crimped, terminated, insulated and that the proper wire gauge is used and that the connector is securely seated. Incorrect application or termination can result in harmful or fatal electrical shock or component damage.

CAUTIONS

The NOsparc will pass a leakage current (see specifications) even though the contacts across which it is connected are open (similar to leakage present with snubber use). This capacitive leakage current can be sufficient to turn-on some solid state and electromechanical relays, or to cause electric shock to personnel. Therefore:

- The NOsparc must never be connected across relay, contactor, or snap action switch contacts driving high impedance loads.
- The NOsparc must never be connected across relay, contactor, or snap action switch contacts used for galvanic/safety isolation.

Proper care must be taken when handling and installing NOsparc GCLAC3F480.

Never plug or unplug NOsparc while powered.

Do not connect NOsparc directly to power!

Use caution when installing or modifying power connections.

NOTES

Only connect NOsparc across the contacts of the power switching relay or contactor!

NOsparc capabilities will be effective even under mixed load conditions.

NOsparc has been designed to support the following AC power loads:

- General purpose
- Inductive
- Ballast
- Resistive
- Motor
- Pilot Duty
- Capacitive
- Tungsten

DO NOT use NOsparc AC products for DC power applications.

DO NOT use NOsparc on the following power circuits:

- Non-sinusoidal
- Pulse width modulated (PWM)
- Phase controlled
- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)

DO NOT connect NOsparc across the following components:

- Fuses
- Safety interlocks
- Circuit breakers
- Thermal limits

DO NOT use NOsparc either above or below its ratings or specifications.

DO NOT operate the contacts to which the NOsparc is attached above or below their ratings or specifications.

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NOsparc arc suppressors are manufactured to high quality standards and backed by a warranty that is included in our Terms and Conditions of Sale that can be found at our website:

<https://www.arcsuppressiontechnologies.com/where-to-buy/terms-and-conditions-of-sale/>

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Please contact your distributor or sales representative with technical support and product support questions. Have the NOsparc model number available when contacting your representative.

In certain circumstances, direct product support from Arc Suppression Technologies may be reached via the following communication methods:

support@ArcSuppressionTechnologies.com

www.arcsuppressiontechnologies.com/contact-us/support/

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CONDITIONS FOR SERVICE

In the event of a product malfunction, Arc Suppression Technologies or an authorized agent should perform all repairs to a NOsparc arc suppressor. It is the responsibility of users requiring service to report the need for service to their distributor or sales representative.

Any components, devices or other equipment used with or adjacent to a NOsparc arc suppressor is the sole responsibility of the end user and not of Arc Suppression Technologies or any of its agents, resellers, representatives or distributors.

RETURN MATERIAL AUTHORIZATION & PROCESS

1. Authorization prior to returning product is required. Please refer to your original purchase agreement or contact your distributor or sales representative for an RMA number and instructions before returning product.
2. After we receive your return, we will examine it and try to verify the reason for returning it.
3. In cases of manufacturing defect, we will enter a replacement order or issue credit for product returned. In cases of customer misuse, we will request a purchase order to provide replacement product.
4. To return products that are not defective, goods must be in new condition, in the original boxes and they must be returned within 120 days of receipt. A 20 percent restocking charge is applied for all returned stock.
5. Arc Suppression Technologies reserves the right to charge for no trouble found (NTF) returns.

DEFINITIONS

Arc Current	Plasma flow supported between open contacts
Arc Suppression	
Duration	Time during which the electrical current contact arc is arrested
Arc Suppressor	Device designed to reduce contact arcing
Break	Action of a contact which transitions from close to open
Bounce	One or more brief transition(s) to the OPEN state as the contact is closing or to the CLOSE state as the contact is opening
Cycle Time	Time between successive ON or OFF contact states
Inductive Load	Motor or transformer form the main part of the load
Inrush Current	Resulting turn-on current when powering an inductive, capacitive or tungsten load
Inrush Current Limiter	Device intended to limit the amount of turn-on current when powering an inductive, capacitive or tungsten load
Make	Action of a contact which transitions from open to close
Make Current	Contact current during Make
MOV	Metal Oxide Varistor
MTBF	Mean-Time-Between-Failures
RC Snubber	Device with resistor and capacitor in series across contact
Snubber	Device designed to limit voltage rise times
Suppression	Action of minimization of undesired event
Varistor Clamping	
Voltage	Voltage at which steady state current through the arc suppressor is ≥ 1 mA
Maximum Varistor	
AC Voltage	Maximum allowed voltage across the arc suppressor (NOT operating voltage)

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The GCLAC3F480 contact arc suppressor (AC power applications) protects, cleans, and restores the contact points of 3-phase relays and contactors. This improves their overall performance and extends contact life to the mechanical life of the relay or contactor.

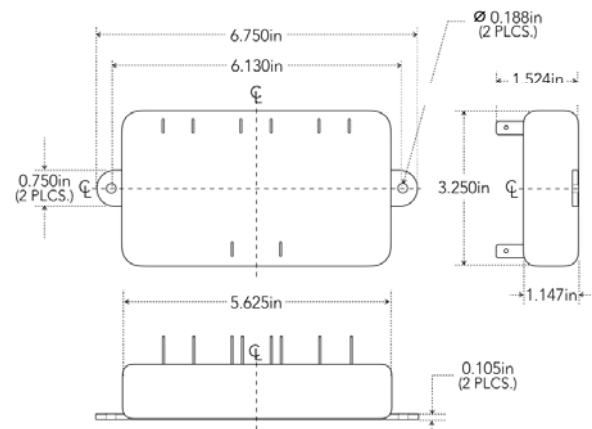
The GCLAC3F480 arc suppressor is designed to suppress contact arcing from 110Vac to 480Vac.

In simple terms, NOsparc operates as follows:

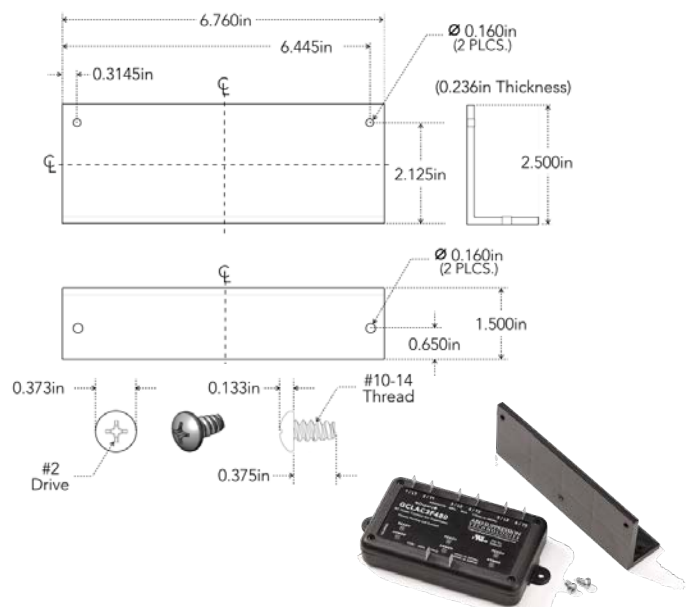
1. NOsparc detects the occurrence of an arc event.
2. NOsparc activates to suppress the arc.
3. NOsparc deactivates when the contacts are open and suppression is not required.
4. NOsparc is continuously protected by over-voltage suppression.

PRODUCT DIMENSIONS AND MOUNTING

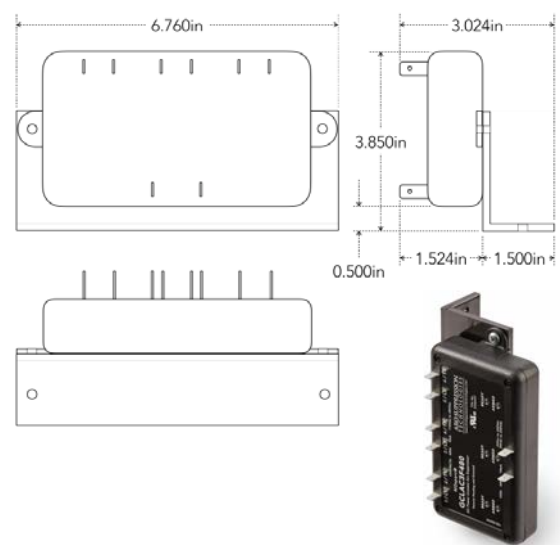
NOsparc GCLAC3F480:



Included optional "L" shaped bracket and screws:



NOsparc GCLAC3F480 with optional mounting bracket:

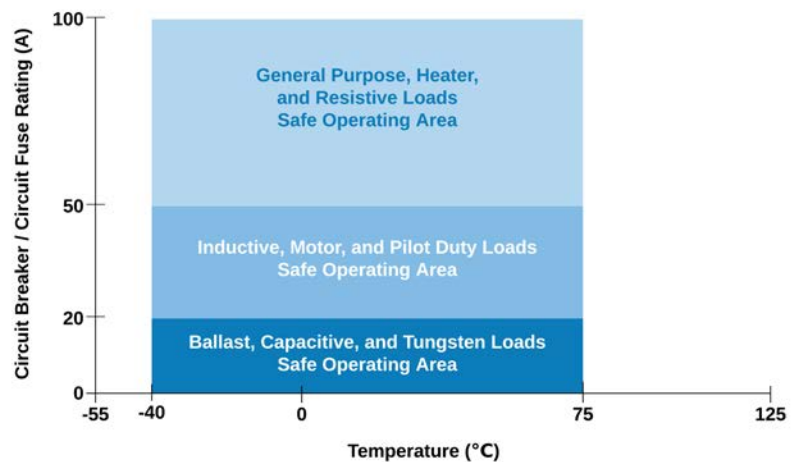


SPECIFICATIONS

CONTACT Specifications	
ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM CURRENT RATING	235A _{rms} at 60Hz / 195A _{rms} at 50Hz <i>This absolute maximum current rating also represents the maximum allowable Locked Rotor Amperage (LRA) for motor loads and the cold filament inrush current for tungsten loads</i>
ARC SUPPRESSION	duration: ½ AC power cycle (maximum)
CIRCUIT BREAKER / FUSE (MAXIMUM)	100A for resistive loads (see Safe Operating Area charts below for more detail)
CLAMPING VOLTAGE	820V (typical at 1 mA)
CYCLING	maximum cycle time: per relay specifications (DO NOT EXCEED relay or contactor operating specs)
LEAKAGE CURRENT	2.5mA @ 110 Vac to 10mA @ 480Vac
OPERATING VOLTAGE	110Vac to 480Vac (nominal +/-10%)
PHASE TO PHASE TERMINAL DIELECTRIC ISOLATION VOLTAGE	4000Vac
TERMINATION	across contacts: two (2) 0.250" insulated quick connect terminals per contact/phase, six (6) total
COIL Specifications	
CIRCUITS	one (1) coil connection; either AC <i>or</i> DC (non-polarized)
CLAMPING VOLTAGE	470V (typical at 1mA)
OPERATING CURRENT	10mA (+/- 10 %)
OPERATING VOLTAGE	24Vac to 240Vac (nominal +/-10%); 24Vdc to 250Vdc (nominal +/-10%)
COIL TO PHASE TERMINAL DIELECTRIC ISOLATION VOLTAGE	4000Vac
TERMINATION	across coil: two (2) 0.250" insulated quick connect terminals for the coil connection
GENERAL Specifications	
DIMENSIONS (WITHOUT BRACKET)	length: 6.750in (17.145cm) width: 3.250in (8.255cm) height: 1.524in (3.871cm)
DIMENSIONS (WITH BRACKET)	length: 6.760in (17.170cm) width: 3.850in (9.779cm) height: 3.024in (7.681cm)
ENVIRONMENTAL	operating temperature: -40°C to 75°C (-40°F to 167°F), storage temperature: -50°C to 125°C (-58°F to 257°F), humidity: 5% to 95% (non-condensing)
MOUNTING	orientation: any number of holes: two (2) hole diameter: 0.188in (#10 screw) (4.775mm)
MTBF / RELIABILITY	800,000 hours (MIL-HDBK-217F)
POWER FREQUENCIES	typical operating frequencies: 50 Hz / 60 Hz
POWER TYPE	AC (sinusoidal alternating current)
WEIGHT	7.875oz (223g)
WIRE GAUGE	wire length between NOsparc and contact terminals: 0in to 24in: #14AWG (minimum); 24in to 36in: #12AWG (minimum) NOTE: DO NOT use wire lengths over 3 feet

CIRCUIT BREAKER / CIRCUIT FUSE DE-RATINGS

The chart (Right) depicts the circuit breaker / circuit fuse Safe Operating Areas for different loads.



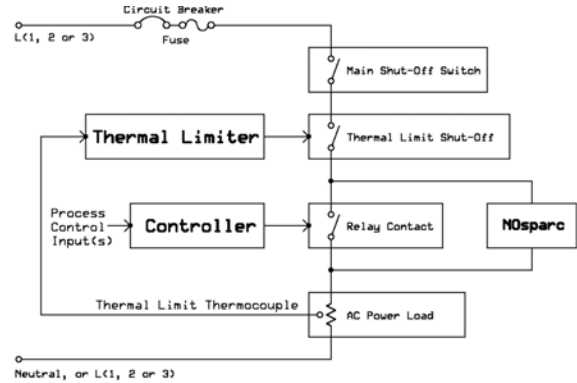
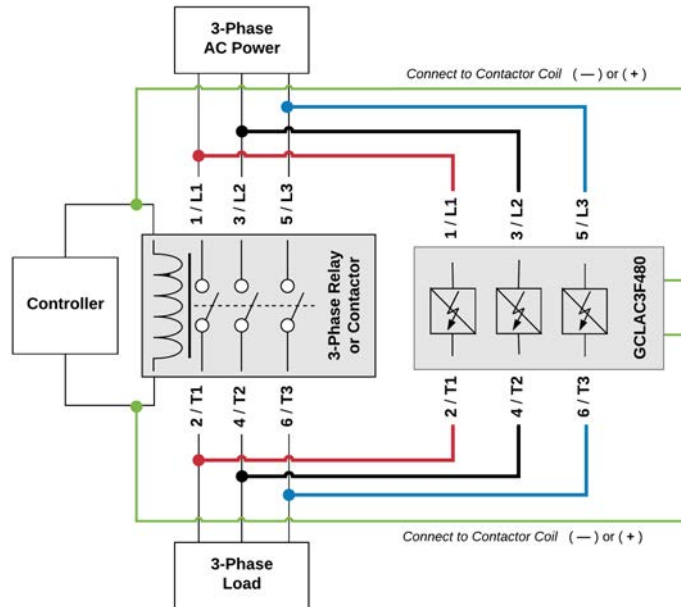
SYSTEM WIRING

The NOsparc arc suppressor connects in parallel across each respective contact of a three-phase AC power relay or contactor, and a separate connection to the relay or contactor's (AC or DC) Coil.

Each arc suppression phase has two male quick connect terminals (6 total) which must mate with two properly crimped female quick connect terminals on wires attached to the contacts.

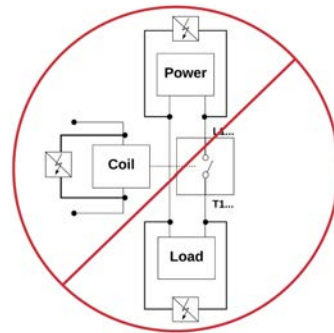
The coil connection also has two male quick connect terminals which must mate with two properly crimped female quick connect terminals on wires attached to the Coil of the relay or contactor.

In order to provide effective arc suppression, the wires between the NOsparc arc suppressor and the relay or contactor contacts and coil terminals should be as short as possible. One foot or less of wire length is ideal; lengths over 3 feet are NOT recommended.



Above: General wiring diagram showing NOsparc in relation to overall system.

Left: Diagram contact and coil connection wiring of NOsparc GCLAC3F480 and a three-phase contactor.



Above: **IMPROPER** NOsparc wiring across LOAD, across POWER, and across COIL.

If longer cable lengths are needed, then the wire gauge must be increased according to the following recommendation based on the length of wire between NOsparc arc suppressor terminals and the contact terminals:

- #14AWG (minimum) for up to 24in of wire
- #12AWG (minimum) for 24in to 36in of wire

LED INDICATOR LIGHTS

The GCLAC3F480 has a "READY" and an "ARMED" indicator light for each contact.



Above Left: Three green LED "READY" lights will be on when arc suppressor installed in a powered circuit and contacts are open.



Above Right: Three red LED "ARMED" lights will be on when contactor's coil is on and arc suppressor is ready for operation.

Light patterns other than those shown above indicate either improper installation or product malfunction.

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